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Keishi Inoue ) Confirmation No.: 6345  
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD )  
OF FABRICATING THE SAME

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**RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 8, 2006 OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 8, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the patent application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.